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1. IDENTIFICATION OF "NONA" AS RUTH WILSON
2. "SERGEJ" AND TRIPS DURING A CONFERENCE (1945)

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Report urgently whether you have the password and details for rendezvous with "NONA". "NONA" is Jacob EPSTEIN's wife; that is to say Ruth WILSON[i].

[29 groups unrecovered]

No. 1744

We agree with your [11 groups unrecovered] "SERGEJ"[ii] we consider superfluous. "SERGEJ" himself will be able to prove to the chief the necessity for making trips to [1 group omitted] during the conference[iii].

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VIKTOR[iv]

Comments: [i] i.e. Ruth Beverly WILSON, who met Jacob EPSTEIN in SPAIN during the Spanish Civil War, and married him.

[ii] SERGEJ : Vladimir PRAVDIN, Tass representative in NEW YORK.

[iii] Conference : Probably refers to the United Nations Conference on International Organization which was held in SAN FRANCISCO from April 25th until June 26th. PRAVDIN covered the conference from 26th April to 14th May as Tass representative.

[iv] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

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